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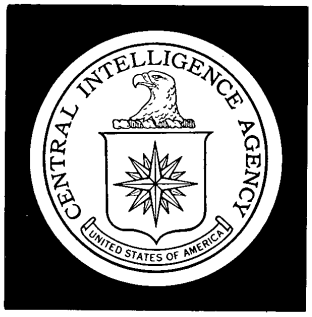

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North Vietnam has apparently fired 100-mm. antiaircraft artillery in the Lao panhandle. *(Page 4)*

Allende is coming to power strengthened by the latest events in Chile. *(Page 4)*

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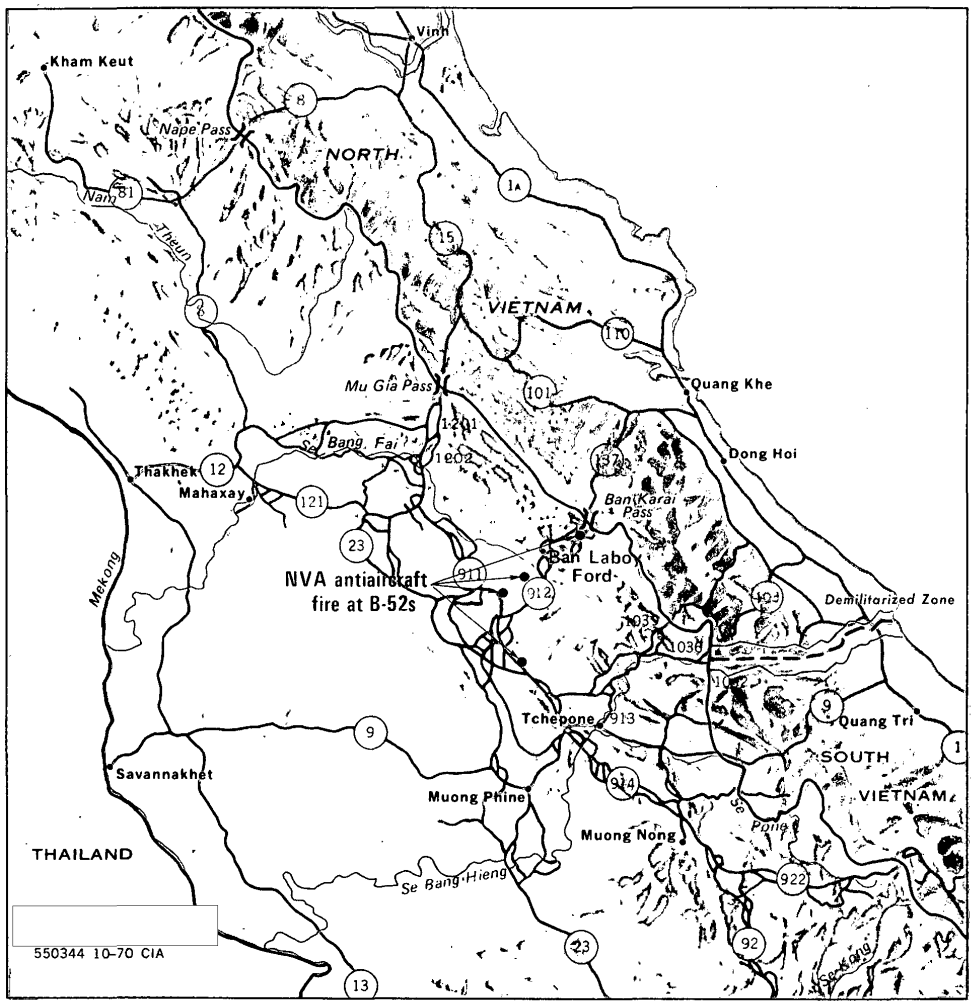

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NOTES

North Vietnam - Laos: In the last week North Vietnamese antiaircraft guns fired four times at B-52s over southern Laos near the Ban Karai Pass. The artillery fire, apparently from 100-mm. guns, missed by wide margins. Communications intercepts had indicated that such guns were being emplaced in the Ban Karai Pass - Ban Laboy Ford area for use against B-52s. During another B-52 mission in the same area, there were indications of tracking by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) radar probably located in North Vietnam. There have been tenuous indications that a SAM unit recently moved into Laos.

Chile: The shooting of General Schneider has strengthened Allende's position with the armed forces, the political parties, and the public, according to the embassy in Santiago. The incident has appeared to confirm claims by Communists and leftists that "rightist plotters" and "foreign agents" would attempt a desperate action to keep Allende from power. Allende's confirmation today as president by a decisive majority is a foregone conclusion.

Japan: Yasuhiro Nakasone is "widely expected" to leave his defense post in a cabinet reshuffle anticipated next week, according to a US Embassy report. Although the ambitious Nakasone has made an impact as defense chief, he probably now wants a higher cabinet post or a significant position in the conservative party in order to build a base for a future bid for the prime ministership.

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